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## **CALL TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chair Pete Woll called the March 3, 2020, 310-Stream Permit meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room.

### **Board members present:**

Pete Woll, Chair; Lori Curtis, Vice Chair; Dean Sirucek, Secretary-Treasurer; Ronald Buentemeier, Supervisor; John Ellis, Supervisor; Verdell Jackson, Supervisor; Lech Naumovich, Supervisor; being a quorum of the Board.

Also, in attendance were Donna Pridmore, Associate Supervisor; Hailey Graf, Samantha Tappenbeck and Ginger Kauffman, FCD staff; Mikaela Richardson, Big Sky Watershed Corps AmeriCorps Member; John Kouns; Joel Dickson; Doug Yeager; Harold Glazier, Grizzly Logging & Gravel; Jerry Lyford; Mikel Siemens, Core Water Consulting.

## **MINUTES**

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020, business meeting as presented.” Dean Sirucek seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letter from SWCDM terminating sub-lease for space in FCD office.
2. Letter from Core Water Consulting regarding upcoming project on Stoner Creek.

## **FINANCIAL**

The following bills were reviewed:

1. Byte Savvy \$55.00
2. Whitefish Lake Institute \$10,000.00

John Ellis motioned “to approve the bills as presented.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mikel Siemens with Core Water Consulting (CWC) provided information on a project on Stoner Creek. She explained that the owner, is interested in restoring Lost Lake which has dried up over the last twenty years since beavers were removed from the area. Mikel described the current and historic hydrology of the area and the work being conducted to determine how to implement the project goals. She provided information in an incomplete Joint Application describing a berm/dam that would recreate Lost Lake and provide access to both sides of the property. There was general discussion with the board regarding the intent of the project, permitting, and hydrology of the area.

Mikel asked to be contacted within the next several months if there are any additional questions or if the Board would like her to attend another meeting.

**Supervisor Resignation:** Dean Sirucek submitted his Letter of Resignation as a District Supervisor as of February 29<sup>th</sup>.

Lori Curtis motioned “to accept Dean Sirucek’s letter of resignation, with appreciation for all his service.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Supervisor & Associate Supervisor Appointments:** Verdell Jackson motioned “to appoint Donna Pridmore to replace Dean Sirucek and complete his term as a Flathead CD Supervisor.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The term will end 12/31/2020.

Lori Curtis motioned “to appoint Dean Sirucek as an Associate Supervisor.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Authorized Signers:** John Ellis motioned “to remove Dean Sirucek from signing authorization on all district accounts.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Curtis motioned “to add Lech Naumovich as a signer on the Flathead CD accounts.” Donna Pridmore seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Board Officer Appointment - Secretary/Treasurer:** Lori Curtis motioned “to appoint Donna Pridmore as the Secretary-Treasurer.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **310**

**Bradley**, FL2019066C, Unnamed Stream, complaint: Ronald Buentemeier explained that the site is not viewable due to snow.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to table until spring.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Bradley**, FL2019067C, Unnamed Stream, complaint: Ronald Buentemeier explained that the site is not viewable due to snow.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to table until spring.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Butts**, FL2019056C, Unnamed Stream, complaint: Lech Naumovich explained that he and Dean Sirucek had originally visited the site. Dean Sirucek stated that he had received a call from Mr. Butts. Mr. Butts wanted to wait until he returns in April to submit an application to the Water Rights office and asked for an extension beyond the 60 days. Dean told him that he would need to submit a written request to the district. Staff explained that no letter has been received to date.

Lech Naumovich motioned “to table until the next 310-meeting.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Butts**, FL2020002, Unnamed Stream, cistern: Lech Naumovich motioned “to table until the next meeting.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FH Stoltze L&L**, FL2020005, S. Fork Canyon Creek, diversion: Lori Curtis explained that the application is for an annual diversion project. The diversion is placed in August and removed in October. An onsite inspection is not needed.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the application as submitted.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FH Stoltze L&L**, FL2020006, Various Streams, annual maintenance: Ronald Buentemeier explained that the application is for routine annual road maintenance.

Ronald Buentemeier motioned “to approve the application as submitted.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**FNF/Big Mountain Winter Sports**, FL2020009, Haskill Creek tributary, culvert: Lori Curtis stated that this is part of the Hell Roaring Basin Improvement Project. The application is to install a 32-foot 60-inch culvert. An onsite inspection needs to be scheduled however the site is remote and not viewable at this time. Doug Yaeger stated they want to begin work the first week of June.

Pete Woll motioned “that this is not a project because it is not on private ground; it is on federal ground and not in our jurisdiction.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pete Woll noted that this will be forwarded to Kenny Breidinger, FWP. Discussion was held regarding the distinction between a 124-permit and a 310-permit.

**Grob Family Trust**, FL2020011, Briggs Creek, culverts: Harold Glazier, Grizzly Logging & Gravel, explained that this an old homestead and that the property has not been used for 50-75 years. The old bridge was removed, but the logs are still in the creek and the beams are laying on the far side of the creek. There are three main tributaries coming through the property, and three culverts will be placed. One culvert is washed out and

the other two are not functional. There is about one foot of snow on the ground, but the site is accessible.

Lech Naumovich will contact Kenny Breidinger, FWP, and the applicant will be contacted with the onsite inspection date.

**Hogan**, FL2019004, Rose Creek, well/cistern/excavation/struct/utilities: Pete Woll explained that the landowner is still waiting for the Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA).

Pete Woll motioned “to table until the April 310-meeting.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Linrude**, FL2020010, Swan River, bank stabilization: An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 9:00 A.M. at the site.

**Lyford**, FL2020007, Trumbull Creek, placement of fill: Jerry Lyford explained that the property belongs to his sister-in-law and that the fill is needed to access property across the creek. The fill yardage is less than what is listed in the application; it will be less than 4000 square feet. The ACOE looked at the site and explained to him that a 404-permit is not needed if less than 4000 square feet is disturbed.

An onsite inspection was scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 P.M. at the site.

**Smith**, FL2020001C, Unnamed, complaint: Lech Naumovich described the complaint, and stated that a response was received from the Smiths. An onsite inspection needs to be scheduled however the site is still covered in snow. Donna Pridmore stated she would attend as the second supervisor when the site is viewable.

Lech Naumovich motioned “to table. An onsite inspection will be scheduled when the site is viewable.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Stewart**, FL2019039, Walker Creek, permit extension request: Lech Naumovich stated the landowner is requesting a permit extension due to delay of other permits.

Lech Naumovich motioned “to approve a one-year extension. The permit will expire 10/15/2021.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Stromsted**, FL2020003, Flathead River, bank stabilization: Lori Curtis reviewed the considerations in the Team Member Report and explained that one modification was added; vegetation is to be native.

Lori Curtis motioned “to approve the application with modifications per the Team Member Report. The 15-day waiting period is waived.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**WestWood Park**, FL2019033C, Bowser Spring Creek, complaint: Verdell Jackson explained that Bill Scholttelkorb sent an email stating that they plan to finish the path

details in the spring during reasonable weather, and the final details no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Verdell Jackson motioned “to table until the April meeting.” John Ellis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Wilderness Treatment Center**, FL2020008, Little Bitterroot River, utilities: Joel Dickson explained that they will bore 30-35 feet back from the edge of the stream with a 9-foot depth under the stream.

Lech Naumovich motioned “this is not a project because it meets the standard specifications for utilities in the Adopted Rules.” Lori Curtis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Winter Sports Inc**, FL2020004, First Creek, culvert: Lech Naumovich stated this is a culvert extension as part of the Whitefish Ski and Resort area. Doug Yeager explained that the owner is Winter Sports, and this is a request for a 40-foot extension to an existing culvert. The culvert goes under the road to a parking lot and needs to be extended to accommodate growth in the area. The 40-foot area will also be filled to expand the parking lot. Doug will contact the office when the site is viewable, and an onsite inspection will be scheduled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Team Member Report (TMR) and Permit Package Updates:** Hailey Graf stated that suggested changes to the Team Member Report and Permit Package had been provided at the last business meeting. Supervisors asked for additional time to review. This will be added to the business meeting agenda.

Ronald Buentemeier asked that track changes be used, or items be marked in red when making changes to documents. Ronald asked about items listed in the permit. Hailey explained that only the items that the supervisor circles in the Team Member Report are added to the permit.

**Watershed Support Program:** Samantha Tappenbeck stated the draft program guidelines for the Watershed Support Program had been provided at the last business meeting. She asked for the Board’s decision on moving forward with the guidelines as proposed, and for their decision on Ashley Creek upper and middle reaches being priority for both this fiscal year and next.

Ronald Buentemeier asked what kind of projects are anticipated on the upper portion. Samantha replied that the eligible practices might include livestock fencing, off site watering systems, water gaps, hardened crossings, riparian buffer improvement and irrigation efficiency improvement, if applicable. Samantha added we will learn more as we do targeted outreach and see what the best options would be for properties.

The board and staff discussed the program guidelines and administration. There was general support for the program and agreement that it would be an effective use of funds and time.

Lori Curtis motioned “to move forward with the Watershed Support Program guidelines updated per the board suggestions; and allow staff to begin with the upper/middle Ashley Creek project area.” Lech Naumovich seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**MATTERS OF THE BOARD/STAFF**

**Furniture & Equipment:** Hailey Graf provided an update to the Furniture and Equipment Disposal Request which was approved 2/24/2020. The computer previously scheduled for disposal will, instead, have a new hard drive installed. This will be placed on the business meeting agenda.

**District Accounts:** Hailey Graf explained that the district accounts updates were reviewed and approved by Caitlin Overland, Flathead County Attorney’s office, and the documents were taken to the bank for processing.

**Flathead Basin Commission (FBC):** Dean Sirucek stated that he informed the Flathead Basin Commission that he was resigning as a district supervisor as of today. A new appointee to the Basin Commission will need to be made prior to the FBC May meeting. Dean suggested Donna Pridmore due to her experience with TMDL’s. This will be placed on the business meeting agenda.

**DEQ Statewide TMDL Advisory Group (STAG)** –Dean Sirucek stated he was the representative from west of the divide on the STAG committee and wondered about the procedure to appoint someone else to that position. This will be added to the business meeting agenda.

The next business meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23,2020, 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the USDA building at 133 Interstate Lane, Kalispell.

Adjournment: Lori Curtis motioned “to adjourn.” Verdell Jackson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 P.M.

Submitted By:

Ginger Kauffman  
Administrator

Hailey Graf  
Resource Conservationist

Minutes approved by FCD Board on:

<u>3/23/2020</u>	<u>Pete Woll</u>	<u>Chair</u>
(Date)	(Signature)	(Title - Chair etc.)